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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Actions of January 3, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 3-6 and 8 are requested.

The Office Action

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph and the Examiner objected to the drawings and the specification regarding the characterization of the inner surface of the stator as "smooth".

Claims 1, and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Hölss in view of Kabasawa.

Dependent claim 3 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 4, 5, 6, and 8 stand allowed.

**Objections to the Drawings, Specificaiton and Claims
And 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph**

As the applicants placed claim3 in independent form, the "smooth" limitation describing the inner surface of the stator was omitted. With this amendment, it is submitted that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection, and the objections to the specification and drawings have been resolved.

The Claims Are Now in Condition For Allowance

Claims 1, 2, and 7 have been cancelled.

Claim 3, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, has been placed in independent form. With this amendment, it is submitted that claim 3 is now in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims stand allowed.

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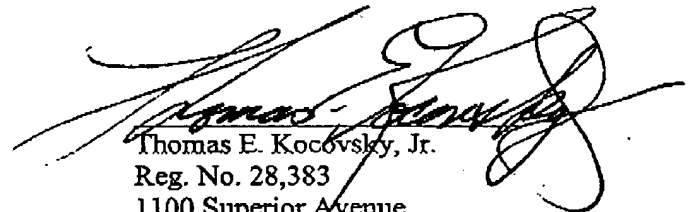
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 3-6 and 8 distinguish patentably over the references of record and meet the other statutory requirements. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at (216) 861-5582.

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